Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know from the member whether there were any special reasons for allowing the leave?

President: On the occasion his mother fell ill and on the second occasion when his father fell ill. His mother has died. It is not an iniquitous thing for Government to give leave for a gentleman to see his mother when she is on her death bed. After his mother, his father fell ill who was about 90 years of age. Therefore it is not for pleasure that he went on leave.

Deputy Chief Engineer.

160. *Mr. **Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Chief Engineer has any power to inspect and supervise the works in each Division; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative the general nature of the work he has been entrusted with?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Yes, when so required by the Chief Engineer.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether at any time the Deputy Chief Engineer has inspected any work outside the town?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes.

President: Quite a large numbr. I may add that I have requested the Deputy Chief Engineer to retire before the end of his term—within a month from now.

Labour Strikes.

161. *Mr. **A. N. Satyanesan** *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of labour strikes that have occurred since the new Labour Commissioner assumed office; and

(*b*) the number out of them that have been settled by conciliation?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* 14.

(b) 13.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: പുതിയ ലേബർകമ്മീഷണർ ചാർജ് എടുത്തതിനശേഷം എത്ര ഫാക്ടറികളം പണിമുടക്കുമൂലം പൂട്ടിയിടേണ്ടതായിവന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്? എത്രദിവസം അങ്ങിനെ പൂട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: I have not got the information.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഒരേ ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ പണിമുടക്കിയ സംഭവങ്ങൾ രാജിപ്പെട്ടതിനശേഷം വീണ്ടും പണിമുടക്കുക ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: There have been instances.

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